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### LAWRENCE, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED ON GUN CHARGE

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Justin C. White**, 27, Lawrence, Kansas, was sentenced on December 15, 2003, by U.S. District Judge Kathryn H. Vratil to **fifty-seven months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by two years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that White entered a guilty plea on July 23, 2003, to one count of **being a felon in possession of a firearm.**

Melgren said that White admitted at his plea that on January 20, 2003, he was stopped by a Kansas Highway Patrol trooper in Wyandotte County, Kansas, for driving a blue Mazda without taillights. White further admitted that during a search of the vehicle the trooper found a semi-automatic rifle. White admitted that he possessed the rifle and that he had previously been convicted of a felony, burglary in Douglas County, Kansas, in April 2002.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.